

Application No. 10/516,965
Amdt. dated 16 October 2009
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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached "Replacement Sheet" of drawings replaces the original sheet. No new matter has been introduced in this replacement.

Attachment:

Replacement Sheet

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REMARKS / ARGUMENTS

In the above-identified Office Action the Examiner has rejected claims 22-27 as unpatentable over Baillie et al. in view of Vakil and Stob. In response, Applicant's counsel contacted the Examiner and conducted an interview for which Applicant's counsel appreciates the Examiner's attention and candid discussion of this matter. At that interview the prior art was discussed and proposed amendments to Claim 22, as set forth above, were also discussed. The Examiner agreed that with correction of the drawings to show the "end piece with a rim that friction fits with an end of the sleeve," the claims would appear to now distinguish over the art. Applicant notes that this feature, previously claimed but not apparently fully appreciated, is not shown in Stob or Vakil and, thus, should be patentable thereover. In addition, Applicant now claims that the placement of the sleeve at a standardized distance the length of the globe controls the temperature of the sleeve so as to be relatively constant. This also is not taught in the art.

Applicant, in accordance with the request of the Examiner, encloses a corrected drawing showing element 6 disclosed on page 8, line 15 of the application.

In addition, Applicant hereby encloses a substitute specification regarding the replacement of the term "Fig. 1" with "the figure." No new matter has been added.

Applicant hereby requests reconsideration and reexamination thereof.

No further fee or petition is believed to be necessary. However, should any further fee be needed, please charge our Deposit Account No. 23-0920, and deem this paper to be the required petition.

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With the above amendments and remarks, this application is considered ready for allowance and applicant earnestly solicits an early notice of same. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the subject application, he/she is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at the below listed number.

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Respectfully submitted,



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